



**City Council Regular Meeting
AGENDA ITEM**

NUMBER: 18

SUBJECT: Conservation Easement Related to Landscape Conversion Project with Southern Nevada Water Authority for Removal of 108,823 Square Feet of Turf at Aliante Golf Course Within APNs 124-17-312-003, 124-18-713-006, 124-17-210-097, 124-17-111-134, and 124-17-612-001 in Connection with the Water Smart Landscapes Program Providing for an Incentive Payment of \$178,234.50 to City and Authorization for City Manager to Sign the Conservation Easement. (Ward 4 - Cherchio) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Authorize)	
REQUESTED BY: Doug Guild , Acting Director of Neighborhood & Leisure Services	WARD: (Ward 4 - Cherchio)
RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION: It is recommended that City Council 1) approve the Conservation Easement and accept the incentive payment in the amount of \$178,234.50; and 2) authorize the City Manager to sign the Conservation Easement related to the landscape conversion project with Southern Nevada Water Authority for turf removal at Aliante Golf Course within APNs 124-17-312-003, 124-18-713-006, 124-17-210-097, 124-17-111-134, and 124-17-612-001 in connection with the Water Smart Landscapes Program.	
FISCAL IMPACT: \$178,234.50 The amount is to be credited to the Neighborhood and Leisure Services account for Aliante Golf Course maintenance.	ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00632-000000-356002

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 21, 2020, City Council approved a Landscape Conversion Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority (“SNWA”) for Turf Removal at Aliante Golf Course (“Agreement”). Under the Agreement, the City agreed to convert turf grass in certain areas of Aliante Golf Course to drought-tolerant landscaping in accordance with SNWA’s Water Smart Landscapes Program (“Program”). The areas identified for conversion under the Agreement totaled approximately 118,738 square feet and were located on APNs 124-17-312-003 (driving range, Hole 9), 124-17-316-001 (Hole 1), 124-18-815-001 (Hole 2), and 124-17-710-006 (Hole 14) (collectively, “Project Area”). City Council’s approval on October 21, 2020 only pertained to the Project Area. The City converted the Project Area to drought-tolerant landscaping and SNWA paid the City \$193,107 for the conversion of the Project Area. SNWA recorded a conservation easement on January 26, 2021 related to the conversion of the Project Area.

When the SNWA Board approved the Agreement at its Board meeting on September 17, 2020, in addition to approving the conversion and related rebate of the Project Area, the SNWA Board also authorized an option under which SNWA could rebate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 if the City decided to convert additional turf grass (capped at 323,000 square feet of turf grass through the Program, including the Project Area). In 2022, SNWA authorized the conversion of an additional 103,282 square feet of turf grass at Aliante Golf Course located on APN 124-17-312-003 (driving range, Hole 9) and 124-17-111-134 (Hole 7) (collectively,

“2022 Project Area”). After the conversion of the 2022 Project Area, SNWA authorized the conversion of an additional 108,823 square feet of turf grass at Aliante Golf Course located on APNs 124-17-312-003 (Driving Range; Hole 18), 124-18-713-006 (Hole 3), 124-17-210-097 (Hole 5), 124-17-111-134 (Hole 7), and 124-17-612-001 (Holes 11 and 17) (collectively, the “2024 Project Area”). The conversion of the 2024 Project Area entitles the City to a rebate of \$178,234.50 from SNWA under the Program.

In order for the City to receive the \$178,234.50 from SNWA for the conversion of the 2024 Project Area, the City Council must approve the Conservation Easement provided by SNWA. Subsequently, the Conservation Easement will be recorded by SNWA.

Attachment: Conservation Easement

CIP No.	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Well - Planned Quality Growth, Responsible Fiscal Management, Quality Municipal Services		
PREPARED BY: Doug Guild, Acting Director of Neighborhood & Leisure Services	Respectfully Submitted Micaela R. Moore City Manager	MEETING DATE: June 5, 2024